

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Amended) A hand held fly swatter apparatus capable of being configured to capture insects alive from given surfaces to allow their subsequent disposal, the apparatus comprising:

an elongate handle having a rear end intended to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle and defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect trap compartment, the housing including an upper wall and interconnected side walls extending downwardly to define the compartment aperture, and [a] track means positioned adjacent to an edge of the compartment aperture;

a planar [mesh] closure member supported [within] by the track means and slidable between a retracted position to permit access to the insect trap compartment through the compartment aperture, and an extended position wherein the [mesh] closure member covers the compartment aperture, wherein the housing and the [mesh] closure member, in its extended position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter; and

means for slidably supporting a rear end portion of the [mesh] closure member relative to the handle, including [a] rear slide camp means on [attached to] the rear end portion of the [mesh] closure member [, having a central notch] through which the handle slidably extends.

In claim 3, line 2, --means-- is inserted after "track"; and on line 5, "mesh" is deleted.